### BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

MARILYN EVE KLEINER 950 N. Kings Road, Apt. #235 Los Angeles, CA 90069

Registered Nurse License No. 299493

Respondent

Case No. 2012-585

OAH No. 2012060176

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on January 16, 2013.

IT IS SO ORDERED December 17, 2012.

Raymond Mallel, President

Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

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12	MARILYN EVE KLEINER OAH No. 2012060		
13	950 N. Kings Road, Apt. #235 DISCIPLINARY	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
14	Registered Nurse License No. 299493		
15	Respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-		
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
19	19 <u>PARTIES</u>	<u>PARTIES</u>	
20	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board		
21	of Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in		
22	this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Zachary T.		
23	Fanselow, Deputy Attorney General.		
24	24 2. Respondent Marilyn Eve Kleiner is represented in this pr	2. Respondent Marilyn Eve Kleiner is represented in this proceeding by attorney Carey	
25	Caruso, whose address is: 425 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212-4401.		
26	3. On or about January 31, 1979, the Board of Registered N	3. On or about January 31, 1979, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered	
27	Nurse License No. 299493 to Marilyn Eve Kleiner ("Respondent"). The Registered Nurse		
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License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2012-585 and will expire on November 30, 2012, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 4. Accusation No. 2012-585 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 2, 2012. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 2012-585 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2012-585. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2012-585.
- 10. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

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#### <u>CONTINGENCY</u>

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Registered Nursing. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 299493 issued to Respondent Marilyn Eve Kleiner is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

Severability Clause. Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and

distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by Respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit completed fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within 45 days of the effective date of the decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process.

Criminal Court Orders: If Respondent is under criminal court orders, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

2. Comply with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license shall be fully restored.

- 3. **Report in Person.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.
- 4. **Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State.** Periods of residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when she resides outside of California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or returning to practice in this state.

Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a new nursing license during the term of probation.

5. **Submit Written Reports.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which she has a registered nurse license.

6. **Function as a Registered Nurse.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing" may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation shall apply.

7. Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements. Respondent shall obtain

prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request of the Board.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to her employer and immediate supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. **Supervision.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Maximum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.
- (b) Moderate The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.
- (c) Minimum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-toperson communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.
- (d) Home Health Care If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person

communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.

9. **Employment Limitations.** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.

Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. Complete a Nursing Course(s). Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than six months prior to the end of her probationary term.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s). Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after photocopying them for its records.

11. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$2,834.00. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end of the probation term.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

12. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation/suspension) of Respondent's license.

If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

13. License Surrender. During Respondent's term of probation, if she ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, Respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license

has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

- (1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or
  - (2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.
- 14. Mental Health Examination. Respondent shall, within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, have a mental health examination including psychological testing as appropriate to determine her capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The examination will be performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by the Board. The examining mental health practitioner will submit a written report of that assessment and recommendations to the Board. All costs are the responsibility of Respondent. Recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling made as a result of the mental health examination will be instituted and followed by Respondent.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required, until the Board has notified Respondent that a mental health determination permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided.

Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted. ACCEPTANCE 2 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully 3 discussed it with my attorney, Carey Caruso. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will 4 have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 5 Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order 6 of the Board of Registered Nursing. 7 8 DATED: 9/25/12 Kleeno 9 10 Respondent 11 12 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Marilyn Eve Kleiner the terms and 13 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. 14 I approve its form and content. 15 DATED: 16 Attorney for Respondent 17 /// 18 III19 /// 20 /// 21 /// 22 ]][ 23 /// 24 /// 25 111 26 /// 27 /// 28 ///

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (2012-585)

# ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: 9/25/12

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2012-585

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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2012 - 585		
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12	MARILYN EVE KLEINER		
13	950 N. Kings Road ACCUSATION		
14	Los Angeles, CA 90069		
	Registered Nurse License No. 299493		
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16	Respondent.		
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18	Complainant alleges:		
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Į	Day of the Acquisition solely in her		
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21	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department		
22	of Consumer Affairs.		
23	2. On or about January 31, 1979, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued		
24	Registered Nurse License No. 299493 to Marilyn Eve Kleiner (Respondent). The Registered		
25	Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and		
26	will expire on November 30, 2012, unless renewed.		
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#### **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b) provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
  - 5. Section 490 provides, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea... of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
- 6. Section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

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### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Convictions of Substantially Related Crimes)

- 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490, 2750 and 2761, subdivision (f), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, in that Respondent was convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse which to a substantial degree evidences her present or potential unfitness to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare, as follows:
- a. On or about May 26, 2011, Respondent plead guilty to and was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 490.5 [shoplifting], in the criminal proceeding entitled *People v. Kleiner* (Super. Ct. Riverside County, 2011, No. BAM1101129). The court placed Respondent on probation for a period of three years, and fined her. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about March 18, 2011, Respondent did willfully and unlawfully steal and take the personal property and merchandise of another, of a value exceeding \$400.00, from the premises of a merchant, to wit: Designer Fragrance. The Riverside Sheriff's Department officer was dispatched to the outlet stores in the city of Cabazon, by the outlet security officer who detained Respondent for shoplifting at Designer Fragrance. An employee witnessed Respondent putting store merchandise into her purse. Two employees followed Respondent into another store and saw her take the stolen merchandise out of her purse and place it into a shoe box. The stolen goods were recovered, and Respondent was arrested.
- b. On or about October 22, 2002, Respondent plead no contest to and was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 484, subdivision (a) [theft], in the criminal proceeding entitled *People v. Kleiner* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2002, No. 2CR1098001). The court sentenced Respondent to 5 days' jail, and 12 months' probation. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about August 8, 2002, Respondent was stopped by the Bloomingdale's department store security, in the city of Los Angeles, after Respondent was observed taking a Polo shirt and two Clinique cover-up makeup items, hiding them in her Macy's bag, without paying for the merchandise. The store security officers recovered from Respondent the stolen property, valued at a total of \$82.50, and Respondent was

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### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud and/or Deceit)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2750 and 2761, 12. subdivision (a), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, subdivision (c), in that Respondent was convicted of crimes involving dishonest, fraud, and/or deceitful acts. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 11, subparagraphs (a) and (b), inclusive, as though set forth fully.

### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License No. 299493, issued to Respondent Marilyn Eve Kleiner;
- Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and
  - Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3.

Interim Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant